

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KEVIN THORNE

Serial No.: 10/606,190

Filed: June 25, 2003

For: RAPID ISOLATION OF
OSTEOINDUCTIVE PROTEIN MIXTURES
FROM MAMMALIAN BONE TISSUE

Confirmation No.: 2194

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Vera Afremova

Attorney Docket: 2103.014900/RFE
(SBI-129)

CUSTOMER NO. 45488

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 27, 2005**

MAIL STOP RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of two months to and including May 27, 2006, in which to respond to the Final Office Action dated December 27, 2005. Since May 27, 2006, fell on a Saturday, and Monday, May 29, 2006, was a federal holiday, the due date becomes Tuesday, May 30, 2006.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Director is authorized to deduct the fee for a two-month extension of time from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.014900RE.

If any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 are required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.014900RE.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAMS, MORGAN & AMERSON, P.C.
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